

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1, 3-5, 6, 8-14 and 16-18 are pending, the remaining claims having been canceled.

Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8-14 and 16-18 are allowed. Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. The specific grounds for rejection, and applicants' responses thereto, are set out in detail below.

II. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

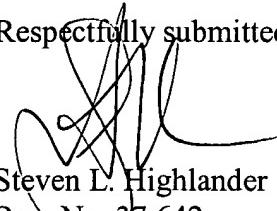
Claim 4 stands rejected under the second paragraph of §112 as it refers to MURF-2 and MURF-3 sequences which are not found in claim 3, the claim from which claim 4 depends. Applicants have deleted the reference to MURFS-2 and -3, thereby obviating the rejection. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

III. Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, and an early indication to that effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (512) 536-3184 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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